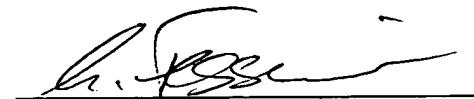


REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Claims 1-10 remain unchanged.

11. Canceled.

12. Canceled.

13. Canceled.

14. Canceled.

15. Canceled.